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## Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Aug 6, 2002

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 24-26

Identification of prior art discussed:

5,238,574, 3,725,267, and Wensley

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Rejection over the PCT ('714) reference to Hassan will be withdrawn, however, a new ground of rejection as discussed with Applicant's will be sent to Applicant based on the discussed references.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Date of Interview Jun 24, 2002

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:

a desalination plant as conventional MSF and its components was discussed as support that there is not blended of the NF permeate previous to the desalination plant.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 24

Identification of prior art discussed:

WO 99/16714.

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Fig. 9 of reference '714 was discussed. Reference '714 teaches using the permeate from the NF as make-up water for the desalination unit, however, blending the NF permeate stream with an additional water stream previous to the RO or the evaporation units is not disclosed. a full response to paper No. 11 will need to be mail to the Office. An updated search will be performed upon receive the response to the final Office Action.

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